

Deceased, sister of Brother
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May Day is Mary's Day. Watch
for announcements.

Picking And Choosing.

From London: Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, Anglican Archbishop of York, predicts that the Catholic Church will be the "anvil on which the persecutor is broken. . . It is plain that the Roman Catholic Church is regarded by the Communists as their most dangerous foe." (The prayers at the foot of the altar after Mass are for the Conversion of Russia--hardly said by the Men of Extinction who have to rush out to light up. What a difference a cigarette will make! Not a prayer in a carload.)

From ACTION NOW: A Mid-Century survey by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine stressed the gigantic need of supplying religious instruction for an estimated five and one-half million Catholics attending secular grade and high schools in the United States. (Clearly indicative of the need for physical expansion of grade schools and high schools and the dire need for vocations to the Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods and the Priesthood.)

"Great American Tragedy": According to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Americans are spending one million dollars an hour on alcoholic beverages. 2,903,000,000 gallons are consumed each year. No wonder the Catholic Total Abstinence Union calls drinking the "Great American Tragedy", and denounces sponsors who advertize intoxicating drinks in an attractive fashion. . . Alcohol is good for cleansing the body of germs but no good at all for cleansing the soul of sins. As a matter of fact, intoxicants never helped anyone save his soul. One can have nothing but pity for the stupid freshman who thinks that to be a big shot he has to get "half shot."

The quote of the month: From the Christopher News Notes; "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"--Edmund Burke. The modern popes from Leo XIII to Pius XII have consistently stressed the need for GOOD MEN DOING SOMETHING. . . In promoting Catholic Action years ago Pius X warned "doubting Thomases":

"Catholic Action will not please certain timid souls, who, though good-living, are so attached to their habitual quiet and so afraid of every innovation that they believe it is quite sufficient to pray, because God knows best how to defend the faith. . . But these good people, whom I would call optimists, will wait in vain for society to re-Christianize itself simply by the prayers of the good. Prayer is absolutely necessary because in the ordinary economy of salvation God does not concede graces except to him who prays, but India and Japan would never have been converted by the prayers alone of Xavier; the Apostles would never have conquered the world, if they had not done the work . . . It is necessary to join prayer with action. . .

"We must tell these. . . clearly and distinctly that these innovations are both beautiful and good; that as the bad unite, so also must the good; that if there are innovations, they are desired by the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and that he who does not obey the Pope does not obey God."

May Day is Mary's Day: This year, more than ever before, the Christophers are plugging a countrywide prayerful observance of Mary's Day, May 1st. Again this year everyone is urged to beg Christ, through Mary, the first Christ-bearer, to grant peace and liberty to almost a billion human beings enslaved in Soviet dominated countries. . . The colorful May-Day ceremonies of last year are planned for this year. This campus is dedicated to Our Lady. On this day--May 1st--the enemies of Christ assemble to shout defiance; let the friends of Our Lord and His Mother rally to lift their minds, hearts and hands aloft in prayer: "Saviour of the World, save Russia!"

Prayers: first anniversary of death of Maurice Mahon; John H. Ostendorf, '23; father of Mrs. Mary Arbuckle; Bro. Angelus, C.S.C. Ill, Pastor Villafor. Deceased, mother of Rev. Robert Woodward, C.S.C.